

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL ELEMENT MANAGEMENT

ABSTRACT

In one aspect of the invention, a method of managing  
5 one or more optical elements includes storing in a  
memory, provisioning information describing at least one  
setting of an optical element and monitored information  
describing at least one operational characteristic of the  
optical element. At least a portion of the monitored  
10 information is correlated with at least a portion of the  
provisioning information. The method further includes  
maintaining in the memory, a correlation history  
comprising the provisioning information stored over time  
and the monitored information correlated to that  
15 provisioning information.